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Key Quote

I am pleased to announce several new projects to improve the lives of the citizens of Najaf, and to help your economy:

First, water. Najaf is blessed with the waters of the great Euphrates river. The families and children of Najaf should have access to clean, healthy water. I have ordered that the Coalition spend more than \$16 million dollars, some 22 trillion dinars, in the months ahead to improve water and sewage treatment for this city.

Second, I recently announced a new construction initiative for the whole of Iraq. About 3 billion dinars of this has been earmarked for construction projects in Najaf. These projects will be targeted at improving public services in Najaf, and will create jobs for the people of this city.

Third, a scheme to tackle the issue of jobs and employment head-on. Today I am announcing a new lending program for the Southern Region. In the first phase, there will be almost 10 trillion dinars available. Different types of loans will be given: loans of 150,000 dinars to enable women to work from their homes while caring for their children. And loans of up to 40 million dinars for businessmen and women to set up new businesses or expand their existing ones.

In time, we expect to expand this program even further, to include larger loans for larger businesses. The aim is to stimulate growth and economic activity, so that all citizens can find jobs and provide a livelihood for their families. We will consult with community and religious leaders here to assure that these programs respect the norms of Islamic banking.

Many other important projects have already been started in Najaf, such as work on the irrigation canals. This project already has created jobs for 2,000 people. It will soon employ some 8,000 people a day. This will have an important impact on agriculture in this area. And many other projects will be launched over the coming months. Taken together, these projects demonstrate the firm commitment of the coalition and of the new Iraqi civil service to serve the people of this great city.

Amb Bremer, Speech on Development Projects in Najaf, 9 JULY 2003

Diary

- 1400 – CJTF7 Background Brief – International media
- 1630 – Bremer – Press Conference with the Arabic Media

Key Messages

- Coalition Forces continue to robustly patrol Iraq to eliminate crimes against people and property, rid populated areas of weapons, ammunition and explosives, and stop the black market trade in fuel and other commodities.
- Coalition Forces continue to conduct joint security patrols with Iraqi police in their efforts to increase the professionalism of the police force and prepare them for their role in a self-governed Iraq.
- Our task now is to help the Iraqis rebuild their economy.
- Economic team are working hard on a number of initiatives which will help get the economy going, and provide some much-needed jobs.
- After decades of manipulation and mismanagement, the road to a free and flourishing economy will not be an easy one. But we've already taken one big step: which was the ending of sanctions.

Electricity in CPA South

- Electricity in Basra is up to 18 hours a day, although it varies considerably across the city and is hampered by looting of power lines, and more recently an increase in sabotage. As part of the process of tackling this problem, the electricity company are employing more armed guards and securing the sub stations whilst British forces are varying their patrols to catch those responsible. Also, recently, two 400KV main distribution lines have been re-energised allowing a regional grid to function.

Operation conducted by Ministry of Interior, 9 July

After prior coordination with the G3 1stAD and Cdr 2/2ACR, the Iraqi Police conducted 3 raids in pursuit of 3 accused murderers in the Saddam City area. These 3 were accused of murdering Fatun Jalil and his three small children on 17 May. Robbery was the apparent motive. Approximately 1.1million DN were stolen. Jalil and his children were executed after being drugged by Zainab Mizban Diakh Muhsin, one of the accused that had apparently befriended Mr. Jalil. Warrants were in hand for 3 of the 4. Two of the four suspects were apprehended and are in custody. A third man was detained for questioning.

At 0445hrs, 8 members of the Iraqi Police's Special Unit linked up at the Police Academy with Investigators from the Rufasa police station and MOI police advisors Steele and Shubbar. At 0500hrs, link up was effected at 2/2 ACR headquarters with elements of E Trp. A final briefing was conducted and the joint force departed at 0515 for the first of 3 target locations. The concept of the operation at each location was for the US military to provide external security while the Iraqi police conducted the search inside. Limits of fire were established for each element and a CP/ medic location was established for each location. At the first location (MB4947291925), the suspect, Arkan Fawzi Rahib, was not present. His brother, Ahmad Fawzi Rahib, was detained for questioning. Apparently, the suspect had departed the evening before and had not returned. Present at the scene, but not detained was the father of the suspect, Fawzi Rahib.

At 0535hrs at the second location (MB4896294675), Iraqi police arrested Zainab Mizban Diakh Muhsin. She was accused of drugging the victim prior to his execution. She is also accused of participation in the executions.

At 0610hrs at MB4947493624, Iraqi police arrested Hayder Khamis Khalaf Dakhir. He was accused of participating in the murders.